

Testimony Of Michigan Chemistry Council On SR 59
Modernization of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)
Before The Senate Natural Resources, Environment & Great Lakes Committee
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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee

My name is Bill Lievense and I am here today representing the Michigan Chemistry Council.

Our member companies employ over 28,000 people in Michigan directly ----and indirectly support another 88,000 jobs in our state. Over 96% of all manufactured goods are directly touched by the business of chemistry, making our industry an essential part of every facet of Michigan's economy.

The Michigan Chemistry Council strongly supports SR 59, which urges Congress to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act enacted in 1976. With significant advances in science & technology over the past 35 years, it is clearly time for an update.

Not only is a modernized TSCA important to public health and safety, but it will facilitate interstate commerce by providing a uniform set of regulations that can be applied evenly throughout the 50 United States---avoiding a patchwork of individual and potentially conflicting state regulations.

Senate Resolution 59 cites 10- principles for modernizing TSCA, including the use of scientifically valid data and risk-based assessments in the development of regulations governing chemicals and their safe use.

This science-based and intellectually transparent process is encouraged to ensure that potential risks from exposure are properly considered and that management controls are sufficient to ensure that chemicals are safe for their intended use.

The Michigan Chemistry Council would like to thank Senator Casperson for his sponsorship of SR 59 and respectfully requests the support of this committee for the adoption of this resolution.